



Marina Reader

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine

FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Elvira Hallinan
Manager of Marinas and Beaches

Thank you everyone for the congratulatory notes, emails, phone calls, and good wishes. It was a pleasure serving as the acting Manager and I am looking forward to the next part of this journey. I want to thank members of the Marine Advisory Commission, the Boat Owners Associations, our customers and mostly Marine Operations staff, for your support during the last 11 challenging months. Without your expertise and assistance those months would not have been seamless.

Hopefully many of you were able to attend the October 20, 2014 Naples Seawall Project community meeting which outlined the impacts of canal construction. Phase 1 of the project (between Ravenna and the Toledo) will begin in November 5, 2014. The canal waterways will close on December 15, 2014, the Monday after the boat parade. Access to the canals will be limited to homeowners and man powered vessels such as paddle boards and gondolas. Unfortunately, Christmas light viewing from the water is not a possibility

this year. We ask that everyone comply for the sake of safety. Pedestrian viewing will be available, however the sidewalk in front of the homes located within the construction zone will be closed; anyone wishing to make a complete loop through the canal sidewalks can do so via the alley between Ravenna and the Toledo. A general schedule of the work is as follows:

- Contractor Mobilize (fencing, etc.) - November 5, 2014
- Boat Parade - December 13, 2014
- Waterway Closure - December 15, 2014
- Dock Relocation & Site Work - Mid December 2014
- Installation of Seawall Panels on North Side - February 2015
- Installation of Seawall Panels on South Side of Canal - March 2015
- Construction Complete - June 2015

If you have any questions please contact Rachel Tanner at 562-570-6999. Thank you and we wish everyone the happiest of holiday seasons!

AUCTION *Reminder*

The Long Beach Marine Bureau will be holding an auction of impounded and abandoned vessels on Saturday, November 22, 2014, at the Alamitos Bay Marina Office, 205 N. Marina Drive, Long Beach, CA 90803. Inspection and registration begins at 8AM and the bidding begins at 9AM. The list of vessels will be available in mid-November. Full payment is due the day of the sale, no later than 11AM. There will be no

refunds, or adjustments. Payment may be made with cash or credit card. (Visa or Master card)

All items offered "As Is-Where Is." All sales are final. There will be no refunds or adjustments. There is no warranty either specific or implied as to the condition of the items offered for sale and we reserve the right to reject any offer or withdraw any item from the sale.

No vessels sold at the auction will be allowed in the City of Long Beach marinas for a period of six months.

If you are interested in being notified of future auctions, you can sign up for e-notify on the City of Long Beach web site at www.longbeach.gov.

For more information call Kimarie Vestre at (562) 570-3236 or e-mail kimarie.vestre@longbeach.gov.

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TIDE CHART

November 2014

Date	AM	Low Tide		Ht	High Tide		PM	Ht
		Ht.	PM		AM	Ht.		
1. Sa	11:51	2.0	--	--	5:59	4.8	5:34	4.7
2. Su	12:04	0.4	11:49	1.3	5:38	5.3	5:42	4.8
3. Mo	--	--	12:39	0.5	6:15	5.9	6:39	4.9
4. Tu	12:31	0.6	1:25	-0.1	6:51	6.3	7:31	4.9
5. W	1:10	0.8	2:08	-0.5	7:26	6.6	8:20	4.8
6. Th	1:48	1.1	2:51	-0.8	8:01	6.7	9:07	4.7
7. F	2:24	1.4	3:33	-0.8	8:36	6.7	9:55	4.5
8. Sa	3:01	1.8	4:16	-0.6	9:12	6.5	10:45	4.2
9. Su	3:39	2.1	5:01	-0.3	9:49	6.1	11:40	4.0
10. Mo	4:19	2.5	5:49	0.1	10:27	5.7	--	--
11. Tu	5:06	2.9	6:43	0.5	12:43	3.8	11:09	5.1
12. W	6:14	3.1	7:43	0.8	2:00	3.8	12:00	4.6
13. Th	7:58	3.2	8:47	1.0	3:19	3.9	1:11	4.1
14. F	9:47	2.9	9:45	1.2	4:17	4.1	2:43	3.8
15. Sa	10:58	2.5	10:34	1.3	4:56	4.4	4:09	3.8
16. Su	11:45	1.9	11:13	1.4	5:26	4.7	5:15	3.8
17. Mo	12:33	1.4	11:48	1.4	5:52	5.0	6:08	3.9
18. Tu	--	--	12:57	0.8	6:17	5.4	6:53	4.0
19. W	12:19	1.5	1:30	0.3	6:43	5.7	7:34	4.1
20. Th	12:50	1.6	2:04	-0.1	7:10	6.0	8:14	4.2
21. F	1:22	1.7	2:39	-0.4	7:39	6.3	8:55	4.2
22. Sa	1:54	1.8	3:17	-0.7	8:11	6.4	9:38	4.1
23. Su	2:30	1.9	3:59	-0.8	8:46	6.5	10:24	4.1
24. Mo	3:09	2.1	4:42	-0.7	9:25	6.4	11:15	4.0
25. Tu	3:53	2.3	5:31	-0.6	10:08	6.1	--	--
-26. W	4:49	2.5	6:24	-0.3	12:16	4.0	10:58	5.7
27. Th	6:03	2.7	7:23	0.0	1:18	4.1	11:59	5.2
28. F	7:40	2.7	8:25	0.3	2:25	4.3	1:17	4.6
29. Sa	9:21	2.3	9:26	0.6	3:26	4.7	2:51	4.2
30. Su	10:43	1.6	10:23	0.9	4:19	5.1	4:22	4.0

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Long Beach Police
Marine Patrol Emergency 911 or 9911 (Dock Phone)
Non Emergency (562) 435-6711
Shoreline Office (562) 570-4950
Alamitos Bay Office (562) 570-3215
Rainbow Harbor Office (562) 570-8636
Maintenance During working hours (562) 570-1582
After office hours (562) 570-3101

Upcoming Activities

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TREES IN THE BAY

Unique to Long Beach, the Trees in the Bay will once again light the waterways with festivity. It used to be that people came to Long Beach to see the Queen Mary, and they still do, but, in addition, many visitors come to our beautiful City during the holidays to see the Trees in the Bay. Photos of the Christmas Trees have been featured in several newspapers, magazines, publications, and on holiday cards, both locally and nationally.

The Trees in the Bay are in place and will light up each evening throughout the entire holiday season beginning on Thanksgiving weekend. This is a glorious sight; over 70 multi-colored and white trees celebrate the essence of the season with their stunning reflections across the water.

The tradition of Trees in the Bay began in 1949 when resident Don May put a live Christmas tree on a float and set it in Alamitos Bay. In 1953 the first of the now familiar triangular wooden structure was used instead of a live tree.



In the 1970s, when budget cuts threatened to cut the program out, residents came to the rescue and began paying the City to build, maintain, and cover the cost of electricity. Today this tradition is still in place due to support from several organizations and individuals. Those organizations include Spinnaker Cove Slip Owner's Association, Alamitos Heights Improvement Association, Peninsula Beach Preservation Group, the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), the Downtown Long Beach Business Association (DLBA), and Trees in the Bay. Donations to support the Trees in the Bay Program are accepted by Partners of Parks (if you want to make a donation, call (562) 570-3209 for information).

The Marine Maintenance staff begins shortly after Labor Day inspecting, repairing, painting, and stringing the lights to ready the trees for placement throughout the bay and in Rainbow Harbor. When all these elements are completed they are towed to their locations, set in place with lines, weights, and connected to their power source.

The holidays tend to be a busy time of year but do yourself a favor and take some time to visit our nationally recognized waterfront. In addition to the Trees in the Bay many local residents decorate their homes for everyone to enjoy.

NAPLES SEAWALL REBUILD PROJECT



The Naples Seawall Rebuild will finally begin getting worked on before, during and after the 2014 holiday season. Of this six-phase project, the first phase of the rebuild on the 109-year old seawalls will start in November and continue through May 2015. Construction was originally scheduled to begin in May 2014. This first phase will rebuild the seawall on Naples Island along Rivo Alto Canal between the Ravenna Drive Bridge and The Toledo East Bridge. It will include installing a new steel sheet-pile seawall along both sides of the Rivo Alto Canal and will include new guardrails, landscape beds, sidewalks, upgraded drainage, and relocated street lighting along the canal. The rebuild will be eco-friendly using a silent pile driver to help reduce noise pollution during construction.

In a report to the city, more than 95 percent of the seawall cap was found to be "in advanced deterioration" among other more specific decay and weakness all along the wall. The existing seawalls are more than 70-years old, with the last major rebuild about five years after the 1933 Long Beach earthquake.

The City of Long Beach held a community meeting on October 20 to provide information to vendors and boaters who frequently use the canal with information on the construction. Unfortunately, due to construction, a portion of the canal will close December 15 and continue to remain closed through the holidays. This closure will not affect the widely popular Naples Boat Parade which will take place on December 13. The Alamitos Bay will continue to remain open throughout the holiday season for boater enjoyment.

**Active construction scheduled to
BEGIN IN NOVEMBER**

**Portion of the Naples Canals will be
CLOSED STARTING DECEMBER 15**

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CATALINA SEA RANCH *Mussel Farm*

Fishermen can look forward to reeling in fish at a new destination all thanks to the planned Catalina Sea Ranch being developed approximately six miles from Huntington Beach in the federal waters of the Southern California Bight.

This venture supports the goals of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Shellfish Initiative, which are to increase commercial shellfish aquaculture while improving ecosystem health. Offshore shellfish cultivation in the waters of the Southern California Bight is in the public interest for increasing jobs and reducing America's \$10 billion seafood trade deficit. Catalina Sea Ranch will cultivate the Mediterranean mussel, which have been introduced to coastal marine environments throughout the world and is not considered an invasive species. National Marine Fishery Service data shows that in 2012, 33.7 million pounds of live farmed mussels were imported from foreign waters into the United States.

Filter-feeding bivalve shellfish are globally a major part of ecologically sustainable aquaculture in the marine environ-

ment; they are environmental monitors and water purifiers. Shellfish are successfully farmed throughout the world and represent a legitimate good use of the marine environment for sustainable food production. NOAA national aquaculture

policies indicate that sustainable domestic aquaculture is recognized as a safe and valid way to contribute to the U.S. seafood supply. The "National Shellfish Initiative" confirms that an increase of shellfish farming and restoration is an endorsed practice. Historically, global mussel production generates about 2 million metric tons of mussels worth over \$1 billion dollars and is expanding, especially in the United States.

In the future, Catalina Sea Ranch will also be developing spawning and grow-out technologies for the native Purple Hinge Rock Scallop. This species of scallops

blanket the legs of the nearby oil platforms and presents a prime market opportunity to be the first to cultivate and distribute this high-value shellfish.

For more information on the Catalina Sea Ranch activities and policies, please visit: <http://catalinasearanch.com>



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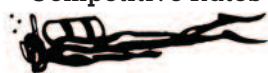
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CALIFORNIA BOATING SAFETY LAW

Governor Brown Signs New Law

A recently approved law in California aims to finally address the state's loose governance of recreational boaters navigating the waterways. Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 941 into law on September 18. It is a boater safety bill requiring all boaters in California to be in possession of a Vessel Operator Card and pass a safety course. The new law will help ease safety concerns on California's waterways to ensure a safe coexistence of boaters.

The law specifically requires recreational boaters to pass a sanctioned boating education course and obtain a vessel operator card in order to operate a motorized boat. Projections are that this law will promote boater safety, help prevent common accidents, and minimize the loss of life/reduce the number of personal injuries on our waterways. It applies only to recreational boating, not kayakers, standup paddleboard users, or any others intermingling with the boats.

According to the U.S. Coast Guard, the top five primary factors contributing to a collision or accident were operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, excessive speed, and machine failure. The most common boating incidents involve motorboats as opposed to personal water boats such as jet skis and cabin motorboats. The training requirement, which is outlined in this law, will hopefully help minimize these boating safety hazards.

Though the new requirements do not take effect until January 1, 2018, the California Division of Boating and Waterways (Cal Boating) will create a Vessel Operator Card to be issued only to anyone who provides proof they passed a sanctioned boating safety exam. Initially applying to boat operators age 20 and younger, everyone will be required to obtain a vessel operator card by 2025.

With the new law, California takes itself off of list of five states – the others being Alaska, Arizona, South Dakota, and Wyoming – not requiring boat operators to take a boating safety course before operating a vessel.

To read a copy of this bill, please visit:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140SB941

BOATING TIPS

for the Fall

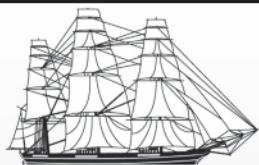
1. Update your charts. Late in the season, local channel markers and buoys placed by local authorities may be pulled in some places. Also, darkness always descends surprisingly fast this time of year, increasing the likelihood you'll find yourself trying to navigate in the dark, making landmarks hard to spot. Make sure all your charts are up-to-date!

2. Check Your Boat's Systems. Check your boat before you head out. Given that darkness falls early this time of year, make sure your boat's navigational lights are working properly and your emergency flares aren't past the expiration date.

3. Gas up before you go. With fewer boats on the water, some fuel docks may close early during the fall season. Make sure to gas up before you leave the docks.

4. Wear a life jacket. The shock of falling into cold water can claim even the most experienced swimmers. It is recommended to use life jackets with lights attached so rescuers can more easily spot you if you fall into the water.

5. Watch the Weather. Autumn storms can be here just like that. Not only should you check the weather before heading out, but be sure to check the weather during your trip and keep an eye out for approaching fronts. Make sure you wear appropriate clothing for the colder weather as well.



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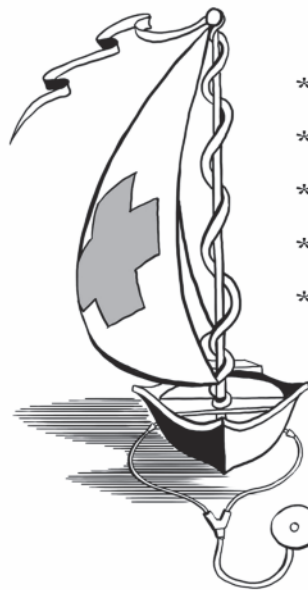
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SECURITY UPDATE

Leaving unsecured valuable property on deck, in your vessel, or in your dock box is a double crime hazard. One: It can be easily stolen from you. Two: It attracts thieves who may also steal things from your neighbors. Do yourself and your neighbor a favor...lock-up your gear and vessel.

Consider using cable locks to secure items you are stowing on your vessel. Cable locks are reasonably priced, easy to operate, and provide good security for high-value items.

"Batten-down the hatches" when you leave your boat. An unlocked boat is an opportunity for thieves to come aboard and steal your gear. Be sure to close and lock all windows (including any curtains), hatches, and doorways when you leave your boat.

As a reminder, nothing shall be stored on the docks and fingers except in the dock box provided at each slip. Storage in each dock box shall not exceed two hundred (200) pounds, must be in accordance with the Marina Rules and Regulations and Environmental Policies, and is subject to inspection by the Marine Bureau.

If you see people, cars/boats, or situations that just don't seem right please call the Long Beach Police 24-hour number (562) 435-6711 or dial -9-1-1- if it is an emergency or crime in progress. From the dock phone you must dial 9-9-1-1.